Stock of Foodgrains

*67. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the country is self-reliant in foodgrains, sugar and edible oils.

(b) what is the stock position of these commodities in the country and the manner in which the domestic requirements are proposed to be met ; and

(c) the quantity of these commodities proposed to be imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Whereas the country is by and large self-sufficient in sugar, rice and wheat, there is some shortage in case of pulses and oilseeds.

(b) The estimated stocks of foodgrains (rice, wheat and coarse grains) with public agencies as on 1-2-1992 were 14.5 million tonnes and that of sugar 4.87 million tonnes. Stocks of pulses and edible oils are not monitored.

(c) It was decided to import 3 lakh tonnes of Palmolein during 1991-92. It has also been decided to import 1 million tonnes of wheat. The import of pulses is on Open General Licence (OGL). There is no proposal to import sugar.

Freight Equalisation Scheme for Steel

*68. SHRI S. MADHAVAN :
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chamber of Commerce and Industry has expressed concern over the abolition of the freight equalisation scheme for distribution of steel;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to save the small scale sector from the consequent price increase ;

(c) whether Government are considering any mechanism to ensure that the industrial units in the South are not hit as a result of the abolition of the freight equalisation scheme ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Representations have been received from some Chambers of Commerce and Industry. While most of the Chambers have expressed satisfaction on the abolition of the freight equalisation scheme, a few others have expressed concern.

(b) Following the restructured freight elements announced alongwith the deregulation on 16th January, 1992, there has been no increase in the prices of iron and steel by the main producers, including for the small scale sector.

(c) and (d) Through the re-structured freight mechanism, the interests of the States/areas distantly located from the steel plants, including the industries located in the South, have been protected, since they will pay either the freights ex-stockyard as prevailing before deregulation or the actual freight, whichever is lower.

New pattern registration scheme of D.D.A.

*69. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of registrants of New Pattern Registration Scheme 1979 scheme of the D.D.A. are still waiting to get flats on their turn ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, category-wise, as on 15th February, 1992 ;

(c) whether it is a fact that some draws for L.I.G. flats under New Pattern Registration Scheme 1979 have been held in January, 1992;

(d) if so the reasons for not holding draw for those registered under M.I.G. category ;

(e) whethar Government propose to hold draw for M.I.G. registrants in near future to clear the back-log; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of pending registrants awaiting allotment as on 15th February, 1992 are given as under :—

Sl. No.	Category	No.of registrants awaiting allotment
1.	M.I.G.	22369
2.	L.I.G.	26722
3.	Janta	7653
	Total	56744